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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: FRENCH CONDITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF UNIFIL

REF: PARIS 24552

1. DISCUSSED SOUTOU'S COMMENTS REPORTED REFTEL WITH FRENCH
AMBASSADOR ARGOD AUGUST 8. HE DISAGREED WITH COMMENTS IN
PARAS 2 AND 3.

2. SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID THAT WHILE CUQ THOUGHT LEBANESE
CHOICE OF MARJAYUN ROUTE WAS A MISTAKE, IT WAS A LEBANESE,
NOT A UNIFIL DECISION. IT WAS NOT FOR CUQ TO APPROVE. HE
DID NOT THINK CUQ WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DISSUADE THE
LEBANESE, WHOSE MIND WAS SET ON IT, FROM THE ROUTE IN QUESTION.
WE BOTH AGREED THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF FACTORS WHICH
INFLUENCED LEBANESE TO DECIDE TO TRY MARJAYUN ROUTE,
BUT THE FOREMOST WAS UNCERTAINTY REGARDING NABATIYAH AND
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TYRE ROUTES, WHICH NOT AS ACCESSIBLE TO SYRIANS.

3. ARGOD ALSO THOUGHT SOUTOU'S SUSPICIONS OF SYRIAN
INTENTIONS IN THIS AFFAIR WERE OVERDRAWN. DECISION TO
SEND TROOPS SOUTH WAS LEBANESE, NOT SYRIAN.
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